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RE: U.S. Patent Application S.N. 10/757,398  
Inventor: Hideki TOMOTO  
Confirmation No: 4942  
Filed January 15, 2004

Examiner Edwards,

Pursuant to our telephone conference earlier this afternoon, attached hereto is the requested signed copy of the Preliminary Amendment that was submitted on March 19, 2007 for the above-referenced matter. The Preliminary Amendment contains the correct serial number of the application in the upper right hand corner of each page.

If you have any further comments or questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,  
  
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For: SLIDING ELEMENT FOR SEALS AND THEIR PROCESS OF  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR  
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Date: March 19, 2007

Sir:

Coupled with the filling of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicant requests that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be **FURTHER** amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action dated September 19, 2006.

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 6.